

New Bedford 4/19/61

My Dear Mr Chapman,

Least I've  
Inc'd the bundle of Invitations  
for the Fair, which I will see  
are delivered. Among the  
Number are two <sup>sent by mistake</sup> misdirected  
which I now return to you.  
We are all well at home. Joy  
returned last Tuesday evening  
to spend his vacation of four  
weeks with us - he is much  
improved, looks well in every  
respect - He has been absent  
six weeks this last time & though  
he had improved when he  
was at home before - he has  
now improved very much  
more - Of course he has not  
entirely recovered, but we  
have every reason to think  
he will in course of time.

Ms. A.9.2.30.29

I intend to come down next  
week if I can possibly leave  
My brother Daniel has made  
an arrangement with the  
Rail Road Co. to let those who  
wish to attend the Anti Slavery  
Fair, at a reduced price on  
the principle that all who go  
are delegates—every one voting  
for himself—I should be glad  
to have the whole town or city  
revolve itself into a Committee  
of the whole & improve the oppor-  
tunity—We have been richly  
treated this winter Religiously,  
Morally & intellectually—James  
Freeman Clark, Heywood Phillips,  
Curtis, Hyginson, Alger, Beecher,  
Chapin, Mr Furness, Ayt &  
others—We also expect Mr Phillips  
again—J Russell Lowell (who stops  
his Liberator several years since)  
Star King & others are coming—  
our new minister Mr Potter has preached



boldly, boldly & fearlessly, I am happy to say —  
The soil here is that has been somewhat  
barren, but the seed that has  
been sown in years previous  
by the few faithful ones, is now  
shooting forth & I trust we  
shall eventually have a good  
harvest — Times must certainly  
have changed, for this morning  
when I left the Mortar at  
Bela Perry (the colored Auctioneer)  
I found they had a very handsome  
white & neat Irish girl living  
with them who took care of  
Mr Perry's children — the parents  
& children & I don't think the  
girl had the least prejudice as  
to color — If people would but  
think, they then would see that  
the combination of the different  
colors make God's grand har-  
monious whole — Fanny writes  
in sending Love to all —  
Yr affectionate, W. Ricketts

1 vaccine  
5. her & stocking

1. mine ? yes  
4. opd Thompson  
13 cts of ours